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# Algebra Collection

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In 2010, David Curcurito at the US edition of *Esquire* was looking to replace the burly warmth of Stag with a more elegant slab serif. With this aim in mind, Susana Carvalho and Kai Bernau drew Algebra, which they describe as a Grotesk, but with serifs and contrast: constructed logically, with compact vertical proportions and a regular rhythm.

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**DESIGNED BY**  
SUSANA CARVALHO & KAI BERNAU

**PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE**  
HUGO MARUCCO  
KATERINA KOCHKINA  
BARBARA BIGOSIŃSKA

**26 STYLES**  
2 FAMILIES

**FAMILIES**  
ALGEBRA DISPLAY  
ALGEBRA

Algebra makes a highly effective text face, with its simplified details and loose spacing giving an inviting texture. The bracketed serifs soften the harshness of the blunt terminals, and the crispness and relatively low contrast makes the family and excellent fit for newsprint and reading on screen. Where Algebra has a quiet and sophisticated tone, Algebra Display has a much more expressive quality in its unusual combination of thin strokes and thick, chunky serifs, with brutally simplified details.

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# Algebra Display

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Algebra Display was drawn for the US edition of *Esquire* in 2013, adding a gracefully aggressive tone to large headlines and initials.

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KATERINA KOCHKINA

**14 STYLES**  
7 WEIGHTS W/ ITALICS

**FEATURES**  
PROPORTIONAL LINING FIGURES  
FRACTIONS (PREBUILT AND ARBITRARY)  
SUPERSCRIP/T/SUBSCRIPT

Like its all-purpose sibling Algebra, Algebra Display was inspired by the construction and proportions of Grotesks. Its details are influenced by many of the superelliptical serif families that helped define the aesthetic of the mid 20th century, particularly in central Europe. While many of these typefaces were quite staid, Algebra Display has a contemporary air of brutality, with terminals and serifs abruptly sheared off. Compared to Algebra, Algebra Display is both higher and lower in contrast: the serifs gain weight, while the thin strokes are thinner, giving an unexpectedly active texture compared to a typical low-contrast slab serif. The serif bracketing is tight, giving subtle elegance without introducing softness. Algebra Display covers many tones across its range of seven weights: icily pretty in the light weights, bracingly strange in the heaviest weights, and sophisticated in between, with a refreshing simplicity in the italics.

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Algebra Display Thin  
*Algebra Display Thin Italic*  
 Algebra Display Light  
*Algebra Display Light Italic*  
 Algebra Display Regular  
*Algebra Display Regular Italic*  
 Algebra Display Regular No. 2  
*Algebra Display Regular No. 2 Italic*  
 Algebra Display Medium  
*Algebra Display Medium Italic*  
 Algebra Display Bold  
*Algebra Display Bold Italic*  
 Algebra Display Black  
*Algebra Display Black Italic*

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New York Trilogy  
*New York Trilogy*

REGULAR & REGULAR ITALIC, 18 PT

New York Trilogy  
*New York Trilogy*

REGULAR NO. 2 & REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 18 PT

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Subtracts  
MITTELS  
Overgrote

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN, 100 PT

*Svårlösligt*  
MARKING  
*Telescope*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN ITALIC, 100 PT

Revitalize  
MEMBER  
Innilokuð

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT, 100 PT

*Nominate*  
İSIKŪREŞ  
*Arcipelagi*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT ITALIC, 100 PT

Precisión  
ŽARKOM  
Resonate

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR, 100 PT

*Diffirenza*  
*VOYAGES*  
*Interação*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR ITALIC, 100 PT

Xemilkirî  
BEWEGT  
Released

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2, 100 PT

*Særdeles*  
*FIXTURE*  
*Vantages*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 100 PT [ALTERNATE a g]

**Excavate**  
**MODÉLE**  
**Išvystyta**

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM, 100 PT

***Množství***  
***SHIFTED***  
***Integrate***

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM ITALIC, 100 PT



**Tændrør**  
**CIRCUIT**  
**Létrejött**

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD, 100 PT

***Quarters***  
***MÜTZEN***  
***Hilagang***

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD ITALIC, 100 PT

**National  
PHASED  
Analysis**

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK, 100 PT

***Château  
YAPTIĞI  
Körgeim***

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK ITALIC, 100 PT [ALTERNATE a]

MIDDEPLUM  
 Aggregazione

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN, 70 PT

*BRAZILWOOD*  
*Regenwäldern*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN ITALIC, 70 PT [ALTERNATE a g]

REALIZEAZĂ  
 Intarpriteghja

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT, 70 PT

*DÉLNYUGATI*  
*Supersaturate*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT ITALIC, 70 PT [ALTERNATE a]

TREATMENT  
Safeguarding

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR, 70 PT

*EVALUATION*  
*Reünificación*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR ITALIC, 70 PT

TLĀCATIYĀN  
Zastupničkih

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2, 70 PT

*KÖNIGREICH*  
*Dialectologie*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 70 PT [ALTERNATE a g]

**PRASARANA**  
**Cittadinanza**

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM, 70 PT

***INVENTIONS***  
***Marškinėlius***

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM ITALIC, 70 PT [ALTERNATE a]

**KÆDETRÆK**  
**Culmination**

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD, 70 PT

***NEUROLOGY***  
***Enthusiastic***

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD ITALIC, 70 PT [ALTERNATE a]

**PRZEŁOŻENÍ**  
**Afpreyingar**

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK, 70 PT

***PÄDAGOGIK***  
***Clandestine***

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK ITALIC, 70 PT

Brushed Linen Mélange  
MODERN COSMOLOGY  
*L'altitude est de 71 mètres*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN, THIN ITALIC, 40 PT

Quinn Kane's final novel  
18 MILJARDIA VUOTTA  
*Eight full-length portraits*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT, LIGHT ITALIC, 40 PT [ALTERNATE a g]

Shapes & Configuration  
DISTINCTIVE ARTICLE  
*Un clasificación general*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 40 PT

Crítica à teoria atômico  
SITUADO AL SUDESTE  
*Die größte Insel aber ist*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2, REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 40 PT

**Universului observabil**  
**ZEMLJEPISNA ŠIRINA**  
***Electrones de valencia***

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 40 PT [ALTERNATE a]

**Origins of the concept**  
**DEFINITIONS & BASIS**  
***L'economisti classici***

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 40 PT

**Corse di lunga durata**  
**KUPTIMI TEOLOGJIK**  
***Ośrodkowego układu***

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK, BLACK ITALIC, 40 PT



Arbeitsmedium

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN, 60 PT

Pancyclopaedic

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT, 60 PT

Xeroradiograph

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR, 60 PT

Quartziferously

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2, 60 PT

Responsabilità

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM, 60 PT

Elektronicznej

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD, 60 PT

Manufactures

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK, 60 PT

*Geomorphogeny*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY THIN ITALIC, 60 PT [ALTERNATE g]

*Kasvatusfilosofia*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY LIGHT ITALIC, 60 PT

*Controversialist*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR ITALIC, 60 PT [ALTERNATE a]

*Quadrumanous*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 60 PT

*Interconversão*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY MEDIUM ITALIC, 60 PT

*Çalışmalarının*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BOLD ITALIC, 60 PT

*Gemäßigteres*

ALGEBRA DISPLAY BLACK ITALIC, 60 PT

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Algebra evolved from Granger, a headline typeface designed by Susana Carvalho and Kai Bernau for the US edition of *Esquire* in 2010. This broad-shouldered slab serif typeface is built on superelliptical forms. Its loose spacing gives a remarkably comfortable texture in long passages of text, with its even rhythm working well on screen, on newsprint, and for magazine and book design.

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**12 STYLES**  
6 WEIGHTS W/ ITALICS

**FEATURES**  
PROPORTIONAL LINING FIGURES  
TABULAR LINING FIGURES  
FRACTIONS (PREBUILT AND ARBITRARY)  
SUPERSCRIP/T/SUBSCRIPT

Algebra references such squarish 20th century serif families as Adrian Frutiger's *Egyptienne*, Georg Trump's *Schadow*, and Hermann Zapf's *Melior*, but its clean lines make it appropriate for contemporary use in modern magazine design. Though the flat vertices where diagonals intersect (as in the A or M) are far less dramatic than in *Algebra Display*, these letters have a brutal feeling, playing nicely off of the bulky round shapes. Functionally, the flat vertices keep the letters from clogging even under the worst printing conditions. Simple italics match the directness of the romans, and a handful of alternates allow the italics to take on a softer, more traditionally cursive feeling. Five of the six weights can be used at any scale, for text or display, though we recommend negative tracking at larger sizes. The forceful *Black* weight is designed only for display use, and its tight spacing and tiny counterforms do not work at text sizes.

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*Algebra Extra Bold Italic*  
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19,5 kvadratkilometer  
INFLUENCE ABROAD  
*Ringed with pinnacles*

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 40 PT [-10 TRACKING, ALTERNATE ITALIC a g]

Exploration Matériau  
İTALYAN AÇILIŞLARI  
*The Elements Outside*

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2, REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 40 PT [-10 TRACKING]

Scientific researcher  
ARTÍCULO GENUINO  
*Vexing Art Specimens*

ALGEBRA MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 40 PT [-10 TRACKING, ALTERNATE x]

New £24 lunch menu  
DELIKATNĄ RZEŹBĄ  
*Bögen und Wimperge*

ALGEBRA BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 40 PT [-10 TRACKING]

**Proposição Analítica**  
**ENGELSKSPRÅKIGA**  
***L'attività tradizionale***

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD, EXTRA BOLD ITALIC, 40 PT [-10 TRACKING]

**Forsætisráðherrann**  
**THE OLD CATALOGS**  
***Rakishly Ambiguous***

ALGEBRA BLACK, BLACK ITALIC, 40 PT [ALTERNATE k y]

Serbest hareketler jimnastikçilerin  
IDEALTYPISCHER GEGENSPIELER  
*Early explorations of Conceptual Art*

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 24 PT [-10 TRACKING]

Since its debut on January 26, 2014  
TWO MILES OF UNDERSEA CABLE  
*Plaukimo varžybos rengiamos 17 bei*

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2, REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 24 PT [-10 TRACKING, ALTERNATE z]

Populația locală vorbea încă limba  
IN THE LOWEST 4% OF THE FIELD  
*Under 1861-talet fanns planer på att*

ALGEBRA MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 24 PT [-10 TRACKING]

Participó en dos Juegos Olímpicos  
MÉTHODES DE DÉVELOPPEMENT  
*Forbundsrådet har sju medlemmer*

ALGEBRA BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 24 PT [-10 TRACKING, ALTERNATE ITALIC a]

Una superficie di 17 m<sup>2</sup> costituente  
KÜLÖNBÖZŐ ADATSZERKEZETEK  
*Extensive winter testing yielded an*

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD, EXTRA BOLD ITALIC, 24 PT [-10 TRACKING, ALTERNATE ITALIC v w x y]

**Scorch marks kept on the exterior**  
**IT BECAME A PERMANENT WORK**  
*New understanding of Intelligence*

ALGEBRA BLACK, BLACK ITALIC, 24 PT

ONE OF THE KEY FIGURES IN THE VANGUARD  
 Yaklaşık 22.600 kilometrekarelik yüzölçümüne  
*A STRETCH OF OLD-TIME ELEVATED RAIL LINE*  
*Kanalais Baltijos jūra yra sujungta su Baltąja jūra*

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 18 PT

AFSTANDSMÅLER KAN VÆLGES VILKÅRLIGT  
 Traditional methods eventually gave way to an  
*AZ INTENCIÓMENTES MŰVÉS ZET ALAPELVE A*  
*La storia più remota del cantone è praticamente*

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2, REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 18 PT

IS EEN BELANGRIJK VERKEERSKNOOPPUNT  
 Stockholm se trouve sur la côte orientale de la  
*DE DISCIPLINER SVØMNING, CYKLING OG LØB*  
*La otra sílaba correspondiente al nombre viene*

ALGEBRA MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 18 PT

UMA CONFERÊNCIA EM 2003 SOBRE MÚSICA  
 Sie wird bis zu 12.600 Meter breit und hat eine  
*NEPROMJENJIVI ILI TERMINALNI ELEMENTI*  
*Dæmi um orð í íslensku sem eiga rætur að rekja*

ALGEBRA BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 18 PT

CINEMA PROGRAMMING FOR OCTOBER 2016  
 På svenska betraktas numera “ä” som en egen  
*NACHÁZÍ SE TU I NEJVĚTŠÍ MAKETA MOSKVY*  
*It took only 17 months for the yield to be halved*

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD, EXTRA BOLD ITALIC, 18 PT [ALTERNATE ITALIC a v y]

LA PRESENTACIÓN DEL TRABAJO CONSISTE  
 Past structural modifications to these models  
*FOUR ELEMENTS OF CRAFT BEER MOVEMENT*  
*Członkowie zasiadający w radzie są wybierani*

ALGEBRA BLACK, BLACK ITALIC, 18 PT



SOMEONE PLACED A METAL BOX UNDERNEATH A STATUE  
 La fundación aporta 21,11 millones en un ambicioso proyecto  
*MEHR ALS 110 OSTEUROPAEXPERTEN WENDEN SICH GEGEN*  
*By the mid-19th century these various industrial zones were at*

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, 14 PT [ALTERNATE ITALIC v w y]

FURTHER CHANGES COMING EARLY NEXT YEAR INCLUDE  
 Fl-istagun li ġej Kvyat se jkun qed jieħu post l-eks champion  
*PREJŠNJEGA JE, DENIMO, Z ZNESKOM OKOLI £1,1 MILIJONA*  
*Ecco l'edizione 2015 di «Foodies», la guida del Gambero Rosso*

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2, REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 14 PT [ALTERNATE ITALIC z]

CONSERVATORS WILL X-RAY THE COWHIDE TO FIND OUT  
 Cztery krótkie filmy fabularne w reżyserii Wojciecha Fiwka  
*THE IMMORTALITY DRIVE IS A MEMORY DEVICE ON BOARD*  
*Grote musea in steden als Parijs, Londen, New York en Bilbao*

ALGEBRA MEDIUM, MEDIUM ITALIC, 14 PT

STASHED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS STATEHOUSE IN 1765  
 Bara 311 plan hade beställts världen över, det borde ha varit  
*DOS 332 CASOS REUNIDOS PELO SITE AO LONGO DE 8 ANOS*  
*Demand rose significantly from 1.1% to 9.7% this past quarter*

ALGEBRA BOLD, BOLD ITALIC, 14 PT

ITS PRIZED INNOVATIVE GARDENS AND MODERN SPACES  
 Mussel, clam and oyster recipes from around the world are  
*FOR NORTHERN HONG KONG, OVER 5% OF THE POPULATION*  
*Quickly exacting only as much regulation in such short time*

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD, EXTRA BOLD ITALIC, 14 PT [ALTERNATE ITALIC a g k x]

Kömürleştirilmiş

ALGEBRA REGULAR, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Particulièrement

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Avantgardistiska

ALGEBRA MEDIUM, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Incredulousness

ALGEBRA BOLD, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Administratively

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

Verwaltungssitz

ALGEBRA BLACK, 50 PT

*Infrapunasaäteilyn*

ALGEBRA REGULAR ITALIC, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

*Experimentações*

ALGEBRA REGULAR NO. 2 ITALIC, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING, ALTERNATE a x]

*Autobiographical*

ALGEBRA MEDIUM ITALIC, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

*Postmodernismã*

ALGEBRA BOLD ITALIC, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING]

*Developmentally*

ALGEBRA EXTRA BOLD ITALIC, 50 PT [-15 TRACKING, ALTERNATE v y]

*Instrumentation*

ALGEBRA BLACK ITALIC, 50 PT

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, MEDIUM, BOLD, 16/20 PT

REGULAR ALL CAPS

REGULAR

MEDIUM

PROPORTIONAL  
LINING FIGURES

REGULAR ITALIC

BOLD

THE SPANISH WAR, which began in 1739, and the French war which soon followed it occasioned further increase of the debt, which, on the 31st of December 1748, after it had been concluded by the **Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle**, amounted to £78,293,313. The most profound peace of the seventeen years of continuance had taken no more than £8,328,354 from it. A war of less than nine years' continuance added £31,338,689 to it (Refer to James Postlethwaite's *History of the Public Revenue*). During the administration of Mr. Pelham, the interest of the public debt was reduced from 4% to 3%; or at least measures were taken for reducing it, from four to three per cent; **the sinking fund** was increased, and some part of the public debt was paid off. In 1755, before the breaking out of the late war, the funded debt of Great Britain amounted to £72,289,673. On the 5th of January 1763, at the conclusion of the peace, the funded debt amounted to £122,603,336. The unfunded debt has been stated at £13,927,589. But the expense occasioned by the war did not end with the conclusion of the peace, so that though, on the 5th of January 1764, the funded debt was increased (partly by a new loan, and partly by funding a part of

ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, BOLD, 10/13 PT

**The Psychology of Beauty**

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The first was the method of aesthetics par excellence. It was indeed only through the desire of an eighteenth-century philosopher, Baumgarten, to round out his “architectonic” of metaphysics that the science received its name, as designating the theory of knowledge in the form of feeling, parallel to that of “clear,” logical thought. Kant, Schelling, and Hegel, again, made use of the concept of *the Beautiful* as a kind of keystone or cornice for their respective philosophical edifices. Aesthetics, then, came into being as the philosophy of the Beautiful, and it may be asked why this philosophical aesthetics does not suffice; why beauty should need for its understanding also an aesthetics “von unten.” The answer is not that no system of philosophy is universally accepted, but that *the general aesthetic theories* have not, as yet at least, succeeded in answering the plain questions of “the plain man” in regard to concrete beauty. Kant, indeed, frankly denied that the explanation of concrete beauty, or “Doctrine of Taste,” as he called it, was possible, while the various definers of beauty as “the union of the Real and the Ideal” “the expression of the

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ALGEBRA REGULAR, REGULAR ITALIC, BOLD, 9/12 PT

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Every introduction to the problems of aesthetics begins by acknowledging the existence and claims of two methods of attack—the *general*, *philosophical*, *deductive*, which starts from a complete metaphysics and installs beauty in its place among the other great concepts; and the *empirical*, or *inductive*, which seeks to disengage a general principle of beauty from the objects of aesthetic experience and the facts of aesthetic enjoyment: an example of Fechner’s “aesthetics from above & from below.”

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